

Volunteers play a vital role in helping run our visitor center, maintaining recreations areas and managing our natural resources. As a volunteer you will have a positive effect on our public lands and local communities. You will gain satisfaction knowing your efforts are enhancing public lands for future generations to come. You will meet new people and build lasting relationships. But most importantly you will have fun!



Activities

There are many ways to volunteer your time at the Cape Cod Canal. You may volunteer as an individual or as part of group on short term and long term projects of one day or less, or on long term projects in specialized programs.

Visitor Center:

Visitor Services Specialist:

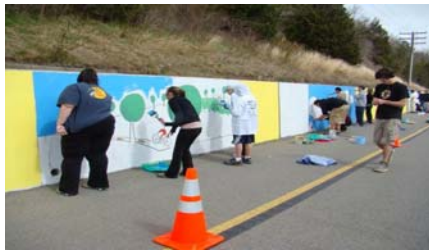
Greet and orientate visitors, answer questions about the Cape Cod Canal and the local area, answer phones, keep track of visitation numbers, stock brochure racks, operate a cash register for a small bookstore in the Visitor Center, and assist in the daily upkeep and operations of the Visitor Center. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Each shift is 4 hours. The Visitor Center is open to the public 7 days a week, May 1 – Oct. 26 from 10am-5pm. 4 hrs/week requested

School Outreach Program Volunteer:

Assist seasonal and permanent staff educate third and fourth grade students about the Cape Cod Canal. Topics include: the Cape Cod Canal's natural and engineered history, tides, navigational/recreational usage today, marine operations, and boating safety. The Outreach Program runs late April until mid June, Monday through Friday from 10 am until 12 pm. Perfect opportunity for local college students, retired teachers, or anyone who wants to share their love of lifelong learning! 2 ½ -5 hrs/week requested.

Group Volunteers

Groups of all kinds may help with park improvements such as trail maintenance, tree planting, litter pick up, minor repairs and more. Families, clubs, schools, businesses and other groups are invited to volunteer. Groups may also participate in our annual events. ([Programs and Events](#))



Scout Troops

Are you looking to fulfill a scout project? Boy and Girl Scout groups are invited to fulfill their community service requirements, merit badges, gold award and Eagle Scout projects with us here at the Cape Cod Canal.

High School Students

Students, both in groups or as individuals may be able to fulfill their service requirement for graduation or other school projects by arranging or participating in a volunteer park improvement project.



Other volunteer opportunities:

Do you want to get involved behind the scenes? We are always looking for people with skills and experience in marketing, graphic design, gardening, archive research and preservation, and more. Get in touch to explore the possibilities!

Volunteer Events

Canal Clean Up:

The Cape Cod Canal officially starts its season each year on the 3rd Saturday of April. Canal Clean Up is held to encourage local community groups and individuals to work side by side with park rangers in preparing for our busy summer season and to get a chance to assist in the maintenance and beautification of our public lands. For more information about this year's event ([Link to Flyer](#))



Boating & Water Safety Day:

Being a coastal recreation area understanding proper water safety is critical. State and Local agencies, public safety teams and groups team up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host a day of hands on learning and fun about Water Safety. During the event volunteers man educational booths, games, run activities for all ages and provide visitor assistance. For more information about this year's event ([Link to Event flyer](#))



Duties associated with volunteering are serious and require responsibility. Volunteers must be committed and reliable. Duties are matched to the interests and abilities of each volunteer or group. A criminal back ground check maybe required for long term volunteers, those working with children or carrying out duties without supervision of a ranger.

If interested in volunteering at the Cape Cod Canal please fill out our Volunteer application ([link to application](#)) and email it to our Volunteer Coordinator, Elisa Carey at Elisa.D.Carey@usace.army.mil. If you have any questions please call 978-318-8591.